



Join Us for Free, Fun Programs!

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

OCTOBER ~ 2011

REGISTRATION

All refuge run programs are FREE but space may be limited and advanced registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise indicated. Please call (978) 465-5753 to register. Registration is not complete until you receive confirmation from a staff member. Please note that outdoor programs may be cancelled if there is inclement weather. Visit us on the web for more information: <http://parkerriver.fws.gov> or call Refuge Headquarters. The refuge visitor center is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA.

Please note: If a program requires pre-registration, your registration is not confirmed unless and until you receive a phone call or voice mail message from a member of the refuge staff.

“Behind the Scenes” Refuge Tour

Held on the following days: Wednesday, October 5th at 9:30 am; Thursday, October 13th at 1:00 pm; Saturday, October 22nd at 9:30 am; and Wednesday, October 26th at 1:00 pm.

Join a refuge ranger for a behind the scenes tour of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Tour will be conducted via refuge van, with several brief “drive by” stops along the way. The tour will present an “up close and personal” look at the refuge through the multiple lenses of the cultural history of Plum Island and the Great Marsh, native wildlife and their habitats, and the role of refuge management in the conservation of these precious natural resources. Participants will visit areas on the refuge otherwise closed to the public. This guided two hour program is most appropriate for adults. Binoculars and/or a camera are recommended but not required. Meet the ranger in the lobby of the refuge visitor center. Each session is limited to 10 participants. *Advance registration is required for this program, as enrollment is limited.*

Photo Weekend Events – October 7, 8, & 9:

Friday, October 7th

7:00 – 8:00 pm

On the Wild Side!: Join veteran nature photographer Jim Fenton for a narrated slide presentation featuring his amazing images of local wildlife and equally wild landscapes. Hear the story behind many of his pictures, while learning about his approach to image-making. This program is appropriate for all ages. To be conducted in the refuge visitor center auditorium. Pre-registration is NOT required. View some of Jim’s latest images at www.pbase.com/soonipi1957.

Saturday, October 8th

- 8:00 – 9:30 am ***Bird Photography 101:*** Have you ever tried to photograph birds and been frustrated with your results? Join Nancy Landry, avid bird photographer, for a walk along one of the refuge's trails, during which she will share tips for finding and photographing our fleeting, feathered friends! This program is suitable for adults and teenagers 14 and older with an interest in the subject. Program participants should have either a digital single lens reflex camera or a "point and shoot" type camera (with a minimum 10X zoom lens). Binoculars and a birding guide are suggested, but optional. Meet in the Refuge's Hellcat Trail parking area. **Pre-registration is required as space is limited.**
- 10:30 – 11:30 am ***Point & Shoot Nature Photography:*** If you are one of the millions of people who own a "point & shoot" digital camera, love nature, AND are a little timid about taking your camera off the automatic setting, then this presentation is for you! Matt Poole, refuge visitor services manager and avid nature photographer, will present a variety of practical tips and suggestions that will empower you to unleash the capacity for you *and* your camera to capture beautiful and compelling images of nature. The presentation will be conducted in the refuge visitor center auditorium. Attendees are welcome to bring their cameras, with manuals, if they have specific questions about their equipment. Pre-registration is NOT required.
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm ***Connecting Kids & Nature Through Digital Photography:*** For one week last July, ten local teens participated in the refuge's first-ever digital nature photography day camp. Session attendees will have a chance to see images taken by and of the kids, while Camp Director Matt Poole provides an overview of the camp – its purpose, structure, and future. Session will be conducted in the refuge visitor center auditorium. Pre-registration is NOT required.

Sunday, October 9th

- 8:00 – 9:30 am ***Bird Photography 101:*** Have you ever tried to photograph birds and been frustrated with your results? Join Nancy Landry, avid bird photographer, for a walk along one of the refuge's trails, during which she will share tips for finding and photographing our fleeting, feathered friends! This program is suitable for adults and teenagers 14 and older with an interest in the subject. Program participants should have either a digital single lens reflex camera or a "point and shoot" type camera (with a minimum 10X zoom lens). Binoculars and a birding guide are suggested, but optional. Meet in the Refuge's Hellcat Trail parking area. **Pre-registration is required as space is limited.**
- 10:30 am – Noon ***What's in the Bag?!*** Like a lot of hobbies, there is within the world of nature photography a universe of gadgets, gizmos, and whatchamacallits. Each and every one of these items has the potential for playing a helpful, if not pivotal role

in the creation of beautiful imagery. Spend an hour with Jim Fenton, veteran nature photographer, as he plays “show and tell” with his equipment bag. He’ll talk about the equipment he considers most necessary for his type of image-making and will answer audience questions. Session will take place in the visitor center auditorium. Pre-registration is NOT required.

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Moving Pictures Are, Well, Moving!: In celebration of National Wildlife Refuge Week, spend an hour in the visitor center auditorium watching a brand new and fantastic film about Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Pre-registration is NOT required.

1:30 pm

Winners Announced for the 1st Annual Parker River NWR Nature and Wildlife Photo Contest! Announcements will be made in the visitor center auditorium, immediately following the preceding session. Pre-registration is not required.